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Holocaust Memorial Day

## Uniting nations

LOCAL people came together to remember the survivors of Nazi persecution on Holocaust Memorial Day.

A moving tribute to the world's victims of genocide was paid at Woolwich Town Hall on Friday morning, (January 25).

People of all ages stood together to remember the survivors of Nazi atrocities

during the Second World War, as well as genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur.

Pupils from Cherry Orchard primary school gave readings - including one from Anne Frank's Diary, and a poem they had written specially. They also read out stories about how people had suffered from racial hatred and how

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## Council tax freeze closer

PLANS to freeze council tax for the next two years have come a step nearer.

The royal borough's Cabinet gave the latest budget package their backing when they met last Wednesday, (January 23).

The final stage comes tomorrow (January 30) when the budget is debated and voted on by the full council.

If approved, council tax will have been frozen for the last seven years - and for 12 of the last 17 years.

Earlier this year, the government's independent District Auditor praised Greenwich's "robust financial management" which has seen frontline services expanded despite a record £70m in funding cuts.

Cllr Chris Roberts, leader of the royal borough, said: "For the past decade we have developed a ruthless approach to evaluating costs and savings while protecting our front line services. Even with these record cuts, we have worked hard to increase library services, build

more children's centres and expand provision in leisure, health and in cultural services."

There are also plans to invest £6 million into a local employment scheme to help people move off benefits and into work. And there will be more investment in street cleaning, and funding for the Violent and Organised Crime Unit (VOCU). This has broken up several criminal gangs and cut gun and knife crime by a third in the last 12 months.

The council will also be working with the police to establish a further team of officers dedicated to tackling domestic violence.

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### ROYAL GREENWICH

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## ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

January 30 - Full council, 7pm.

January 31 - Planning Board, 6.30pm

February 6 - Woolwich and Thamesmead Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm

More information on 020 8921 5130 or [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings)

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**'Anna and Pavel made a snowman so tall we needed the whole neighbourhood to come and help!'**



**CAROLINE BARNETT, PLUMSTEAD:** 'I took this at the Wickham open space in Greenwich.'



**CHARLIE BENNETT:** 'I took this picture of people enjoying the snow in Oxleas Meadow.'



**PAT SIEMASZKO, SHOOTERS HILL:**  
**'I found this funny snowman on my neighbour's front yard at Castlewood Drive, SE9.'**

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## LETTERS

# We say no to Silvertown Tunnel

WHY is Greenwich Council not opposing the Silvertown Tunnel, or at least encouraging a free and open debate on it?

Studies show building new roads attracts more traffic, and more jams equal more pollution, and the Woolwich Road flyover is already one of the most polluted locations in London.

Yet we are told we must accept Silvertown or "do nothing". Greenwich Council has no evidence a Silvertown tunnel will bring any benefits - and has done no studies into traffic or pollution to back up its theories. Its case is pure conjecture. Just because the O2 Arena wants something doesn't mean it will do any good. Who does the council represent - people or

big business? There are alternatives - why isn't the council pushing for axing the Dartford Crossing toll, or better public transport?

It's well-known that the mayor only wants a fixed crossing at Silvertown, and isn't interested in a bridge at Gallions Reach.

Greenwich Council's campaign risks the worst of all outcomes - loading more traffic onto the A2 and A102, which will struggle to get through pinch points at Sun in the Sands, Kidbrooke Park Road and Eltham, and lead to more jams on neighbouring roads.

**Darryl Chamberlain,  
No To Silvertown Tunnel, Charlton**

•THE council's Bridge the Gap campaign seeks to ensure that local residents are

aware of the proposal to effectively move the Woolwich Ferry to Thamesmead.

It is the council's belief that more river crossings are needed to support economic development and growth to create jobs and to ease congestion.

The Mayor of London's consultation offers no option for residents to support a fixed link crossing at Thamesmead to connect residents to the opportunities which are being created on the other side of the Thames.

The borough's small businesses also need better access to business opportunities in east London as well.

The council's objective is to get the Mayor to take forward both crossings at this stage in order to develop the full economic, environmental and traffic impact studies which will be needed to enable that debate to take place.

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## Holocaust memorial

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the lessons learned could be applied to the present day.

Father Michael Branch from St Peter's RC Church in Woolwich also talked about making the world a better place.

This year's theme for the international event on January 27 was 'Communities together: Build a Bridge'. The Mayor Cllr David Grant said: "Holocaust Memorial Day provides an opportunity for everyone to take inspiration from the past and come together to create a safer and better future."



TELLING HER STORY: pupils listen to Gertrude Evans, a holocaust survivor who lives in Charlton

# 999 cuts latest news

## Public meeting to discuss police station closures

LOCALS have the chance to give their views on plans to close three police stations in the borough at a public meeting tonight (Tuesday, January 29).

It's at the University of Greenwich lecture theatre, 30 Park Row, Greenwich, from 8-9pm.

The meeting has been organised by the London Mayor as part of a capital-wide public consultation on his scheme to save £500million on the cost of running the Met Police. Locally, it would mean closing Woolwich and Greenwich stations and the safer neighbourhood counter in Thamesmead.

Plumstead would stay as a 24/7 station, while Eltham would have shorter opening hours.

Civic leaders are due to meet senior police officers next month to discuss the impact for local policing.

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, the royal borough's cabinet member for community safety, said: "I urge residents to make their views as clear as possible in this consultation. As well as the loss of the buildings, we believe the proposals will result in a lower police head count while the population of the royal borough is growing."

"We are concerned about how people will access police services - both residents and an increase in tourists expected on

the back of London 2012." Meanwhile plans to close Woolwich fire station have stalled after a meeting last Monday (January 21) of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA). Local fire-fighters and the public joined a picket of the meeting at the London Fire Brigade headquarters near London Bridge.

An amendment made by Labour members and supported by Liberal Democrat and Green members meant the authority refused to rubber-stamp plans by Ron Dobson, Commissioner of the London Fire Brigade, aimed at saving £28.8m over the next two years. The plans involve closing 12 London fire stations, including the one in Sunbury Street, Woolwich, built in 1887 and said to be the oldest fire station in the capital.

Simon Chapman, the Fire Brigades Union rep for south-east London, said: "They were concerned about proposals such as moving fire engines between stations that would mean attendance times would not be met. The authority members are the people who have seen all the evidence. They believe the cuts are cuts too far."

Over the coming days, the London Fire Commissioner will be discussing with officers what this means in terms of setting the authority's budget and finding the savings that are still needed over the next two years.

● For more information about tonight's police meeting visit [www.gre.ac.uk](http://www.gre.ac.uk)

**// We are concerned about how people will access police services //**

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# n safe hands

by Dick Townsend-Smith

THE police have launched a new campaign calling on locals to be extra careful with their mobile phones.

The campaign aims to make more people aware of the risk of being robbed in the street. And the big message is: don't keep valuables such as phones, tablet devices, jewellery and cash on show.

The initiative is timed to coincide with the start of the year, when there is traditionally a rise in robberies as people report stolen items received as Christmas gifts.

Phones make up nearly three quarters of items taken in personal robberies with Apple iPhones accounting for around half of all phones stolen.

Under the campaign, posters and radio ads are being used to remind people not to leave mobiles on cafe tables or bars or to get out their phones at target areas such as train stations and bus stops.

Detective Chief Superintendent Richard Wood said: "Having personal possessions on show gives robbers a chance to make easy money. We want people in Royal Greenwich to be conscious of where they are, and be careful about expensive items being displayed such

New police campaign to tackle mobile phone theft is launched

as mobile phones and jewellery."

Police in Greenwich use a range of tactics to tackle robberies and thefts, using both covert and overt operation.

These include high-visibility patrols, the use of new and innovative technology to identify offenders and report crime, and targeting the illegal mobile phone re-sale market. In a bid to encourage people to help protect themselves, there is also a range of tips available on the Met's social media channels, YouTube and Facebook.

The Met campaign coincides with the release of the latest crime figures which show street robberies down by a third in a year.

Five hundred and twenty people were robbed in the borough during 2012 – compared with 798 the year before. The decrease is more than London as a whole which saw the figures for robbery against the person fall from 36,657 to 33,830.

## Tips to safeguard your mobile

CRIME prevention officers have issued a list of practical steps people can take to help protect their mobiles:

- Keep your phone in a secure or zipped pocket
- Avoid texting or checking your phone as you are walking along, particularly at public transport hubs
- Keep hands on the phone and hold it on the side of your body away from the street
- Don't leave it lying in front of you on a table or bar as you could fall victim to distraction theft
- Take extra care in pubs, restaurants or concerts where the phone might be left in handbags or unattended jackets.
- Don't leave your phone or other valuables on view in an unattended car - lock them out of sight.



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**"We want people to be conscious of where they are, and to be careful about expensive items being displayed such as mobile phones and jewellery"**

## Latest scam warning

POLICE are warning local people about con artists doing the rounds in the borough as they investigate recent fraud cases.

The scammers are targeting vulnerable people across Greenwich using two types of scam: a bank scam and a bogus officer scam which are both designed to elicit cash from unsuspecting victims.

In the first, victims receive a phonecall from someone claiming to be from their bank, who says their debit or credit cards are being used fraudulently to make a number of costly purchases.

The victim is asked to call the number on the back of their bank card but when the victim puts the phone down to dial their bank's number, the suspect, who has not hung up from the previous call manages to keep the telephone line open. The suspect subsequently talks to the victim again, this time pretending to be a bank operator and persuades the victim to give card details and pin numbers before arranging for the cards to be collected by an unsuspecting taxi firm and delivered to him.

Police are also warning about a bogus detective who calls to say officers are conducting an operation to trap local criminals and need money and assistance from the public in order to carry out their investigation.

They appear to know victims' surnames and they are given a reference code, which makes the call more credible. Royal borough police says residents should not make any arrangements with any caller or handover cash or cards. They urge residents to use another phone to call their banks, call police on 101 or attend the local police station and report the incident.

Superintendent Chris Hafford said: "We don't ask members of the public to provide us with money to assist with our investigations and we certainly wouldn't ask them to make expensive purchases to help our ongoing enquiries. Please be extra vigilant - do not agree to give money to anyone".

He added: "It appears that the scammers are targeting elderly people and pensioners. If you have an elderly relative or friend, please make them aware of this scam and ensure that they do not hand over any cash to strangers under any circumstances."

● Officers within the Metropolitan Police Service's Specialist and Economic Crime Directorate have produced a fraud prevention booklet entitled, 'The Little Book of Big Scams' which can be downloaded at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

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## Maternity unit cash windfall

QUEEN Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich is to get £400,000 to upgrade its maternity unit.

The money for the Greenwich birthing centre will be used to build a new four bedded midwifery-led birthing unit with two birthing pools, and eight post-natal beds. South London Healthcare's chief midwife Donna Ockenden said: "We are delighted to have been granted this money to improve the birthing environment for women. The Oasis midwifery-led unit at the Princess Royal Hospital has been a real success and this extra funding will mean that the same facilities will now be available for any parents using the services at Queen Elizabeth."

The news comes a few days before a decision

is made on the future of the NHS in south-east London. The South London Healthcare Trust, saddled with heavy debt, has been put into administration.

A decision on special administrator Matthew Kershaw's report, which recommends merging Queen Elizabeth Hospital with Lewisham Hospital into a single organisation to deliver healthcare services for both boroughs from the two sites, is due to be made by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt by Friday (February 1).

Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter announced on Thursday (January 24) that more than 100 hospitals will share a £25million fund to improve and upgrade their maternity units. He said: "We are now going to see huge improvements to maternity services right across the country – from birthing pools to family rooms and even new midwifery-led units. These will make a big difference to the experience mums and families have of NHS maternity services, with more choice and a better environment to give birth."

12pm-2pm at the Caledonian Hall, Forum@ Greenwich.

The aim is to overview developments and achievements and introduce GrIP's first chief executive. Book a place by emailing 3rdSector-commissioning@greenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 6372/5247

## Get a GrIP on new inclusion project

LOCAL people are invited to a meeting to review the work of Greenwich Inclusion Project (GrIP) a new group set up to consult on race equality and hate crime, which is backed by the royal borough.

Events are on February 4, 12pm-2pm at the Old Library Charlton House and February 11,

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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 12A of and Part II of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order would be to reduce the maximum weight limit for vehicles using the Victoria Way Railway Bridge from 6 tonnes to 3 tonnes.

3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5457.

5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Royal Borough of Greenwich, PO Box 485, King House, 152-160 Guy Road, London, EC1V 2NP (quoting reference PCU/TMO/JB/100001004).

6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, this Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice open to public inspection.

Assistant Director Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
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**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH**

# Rewarding citizenship

NOMINATIONS for new royal borough civic awards are coming in and residents are being urged to suggest family, friends and supporters who have made a difference to the lives of others.

Presentations of the first new Civic Awards are due to be held in March during Civic Week. The awards have been set up by the council to recognise unsung heroes in the community who have contributed to the social, economic and physical wellbeing of the borough.

Awards are being presented to individuals, organisations or businesses in ten award categories. If you know anyone who has been inspirational to others, now's the time to nominate them.

Awards can be made under the following categories:

- Volunteer of the Year - For an individual who has contributed to the community by given their time while demonstrating the value of volunteering
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- Good Neighbour Award - For someone who consistently supports their local community and is willing to go the extra mile for others.
- Contribution to the Community Award -
- Contribution to Public Service in the Royal Borough - For an individual who has demonstrated excellence in public service
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- Lifetime Achievement Award - For an individual or organisation who has made an outstanding contribution to the borough over a minimum of 20 years.
- Make nominations online at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/civicawards](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/civicawards) or complete the form below and send it to The Mayor's Office, Royal Borough of Greenwich, Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW by Friday, February 1

## Royal Borough of Greenwich Civic Awards 2013 Nomination form

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## Now watch the birdy at city farm

IT'S not quite a bird in the hand but you can get up close and learn more at weekend birdwatching events at Woodlands Farm.

It's hosting monthly bird watching walks around the farm in Shooters Hill, and visitors can also build bird boxes for their own gardens.

Walk around the 89-acre farm and spot birds of all kinds from 2pm on February 9 and March 9, and from 10am on April 14. Sturdy footwear and suitable outdoor clothing are needed for the long walk.

The numbers of house sparrows in London are decreasing so they need help to get ready for the nesting season.

You can help the sparrows by building a bird box, for only £5, to put in your garden. Build a Bird Box Day is on Friday, February 22, from 10am to 2pm. It's one of several half term events at

by Marasuli Nuur

the farm for the whole family to enjoy. There's also a felt-making workshop from 10am to 3pm on February 19, where visitors get to make beautiful flowers, butterflies and other animals using just wool.

And you can learn how to survive in the wild on 'Get wild in the woods', a free activity day on February 20 between 11am and 3pm. Participants can build a shelter and cook over a fire, as well as learning what animals do to help them survive.

Most activities are free of charge. Felt making is fifty pence and building a bird box needs a contribution of £5.

● For more information about the events contact Woodlands Farm on 020 8319 8900 or visit [www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org](http://www.thewoodlandsfarmtrust.org)

## Tourist centre sells discounted cable car tickets

TICKETS to fly with the Emirates Air Line cable car can be bought from the Greenwich Tourist Information Centre. The boarding passes cost £4.30 for adults and £2.20 for children aged 5 to 15, but passengers with travel cards (Oyster and paper ticket versions) can purchase discounted tickets for £3.20 and £1.60 respectively.

Passengers can also buy a multi-trip boarding pass which is valid for a year. The pass costs £16 and gives the holder 10 journeys at a cost of £1.60 each.

A tourist centre spokesperson said: "The cable car is a quick and direct route from North Greenwich for The O2 to Royal Victoria DLR and ExCel."

"You see spectacular views during the day and the lights of London at night. The cabins are fully accessible with step free access and there is even space for bicycles in each cabin."

● The TIC is located in Cutty Sark Gardens, in the Discover Greenwich centre. Call 0870 608 2000 for more info

# Farewell Cyril!

## Queen's royal borough representative retires

by Dick Townsend-Smith

THE Queen's official representative in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Col Cyril Young TD, is retiring from his role of Representative Deputy Lieutenant after 13 years in the job.

In that time he has played a crucial part in the ceremonial life of Greenwich, which came to a climax last year when the Queen bestowed royal status on the borough and re-opened the restored Cutty Sark.

Col Young has received Her Majesty in Greenwich several times since the millennium, including the official opening of the rebuilt Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the Firepower Museum, the Harrison Planetarium, and a visit to the National Maritime Museum.

He has also received all the other members of the Royal Family at least once, and helped to achieve two royal patronages for borough organisations: The Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College and the Fan Museum on Crooms Hill.

"Following the royal borough celebrations it would now seem to be the right time for me to go," he said. "It's



been a busy time and I've enjoyed the role enormously, as well as meeting so many people. I would like to thank all the people who have supported me over the years."

Col Young and his wife Felicity, who live in the borough, will now be



spending more time at their newly-built house near Berwick on Tweed, just over the border in Scotland. This also means that he will be ending his chairmanship of the Church of England's Southwark Diocesan Advisory Committee, a position he has held since 2003, but he will remain a Lay Canon of Southwark Cathedral and a Lay Reader.

Col Young was a consultant gynaecologist at Greenwich District Hospital and the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Woolwich. He joined 217 General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps as a volunteer medical officer in the Territorial Army and was Commanding Officer from 1985-1988 with the rank of colonel. The University of Greenwich awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2004.

The Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Cllr David Grant, hosted a special farewell reception for Col Young at Woolwich Town Hall in Wellington Street on Friday, January 18, which was attended by civic leaders and community representatives.

The new Deputy Lieutenant for Greenwich will be Dr Pieter van der Merwe MBE, who is the general editor for the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

ROYAL REP: Greenwich Mayor Cllr David Grant thanks Col Young for more than a decade's service, above, Cyril welcomes The Queen for the opening of Woolwich's Queen Elizabeth Hospital in 2001

## Find a home with housingmoves

COUNCIL tenants who want to move can get help from a new 'lettings agent', who can find them new homes across the capital.

The housingmoves scheme is run by the Greater London Authority and is aimed at social housing tenants who want to move from one part of London to another.

Tenants register and can make a bid for council or housing association property in other parts of London.

Priority is given to people who have more bedrooms than they currently need and tenants wanting to move to be closer to employment, higher education or to provide care for family members or friends.

Tenants must have a clear rent account and no ongoing record of anti-social behavior.

● To find out if you are eligible and to register visit [www.housingmoves.org](http://www.housingmoves.org)

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -  
SECTION 14  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE -  
KIDBROOKES PARK ROAD

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate carriageway resurfacing works in Kidbrooke Park Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:

- (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading / unloading) in Kidbrooke Park Road, between its junction with Windlemere Road and its junction with Old Post Office Lane; or
- (b) prohibit vehicles from entering or exiting at its junction with:
  - (i) Brook Lane;
  - (ii) Kidbrooke Park Road (the cul-de-sac situated between Nos. 149 and 181 Kidbrooke Park Road);
  - (iii) Kidbrooke Park Road (the cul-de-sac situated between Nos. 201 and 223 Kidbrooke Park Road) and Windlemere Road; and
  - (iv) Windlemere Road.

2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicles access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operation of the works.

3. Whilst the prohibitions specified in paragraph 1 above are in operation, affected traffic should follow local diversions as indicated by traffic signs.

4. The Order will come into force on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take approximately two weeks to complete.

5. Enquiries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5858.

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35 Wellington Street,  
SE18 6HQ

Dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
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# 'Good' report for child protection

SERVICES that help ensure the safety of children and young people in the borough have been given the thumbs up by Ofsted inspectors.

After the inspection in December, inspectors said the overall effectiveness of child protection services in the royal borough was "good", and singled out a number of services for praise, including:

- the ways in which the views of children and young people, and of parents, are listened to, and are used to help shape local services
- leadership and governance arrangements for children's services, which are described as "strong"
- the "prompt and appropriate response" to cases where children may require statutory intervention and

where there is a risk of significant harm

● the range of services for young people at The Point, a one-stop shop in Woolwich, which inspectors described as "particularly effective in targeting interventions to support young people who are homeless, at risk of being homeless or in financial difficulty"

There was also praise for the role played by children's centres in offering targeted services and parenting support programmes for some of the most vulnerable children and families in the borough.

The inspectors noted the work being done in reducing exclusions from school and preventing escalation of family tensions.

Close working arrangements with the police in assessing cases that feature domestic

violence and pose a potential risk to children were among the elements of good practice noted by inspectors.

Cllr Jackie Smith, cabinet member for children's services, told GT: "Our services to protect children and young people are perhaps the most important among any that the council provides, and children's social services face some of the most difficult decisions imaginable, in assessing the best course of action to keep a child safe from harm."

"It is reassuring that the inspectors were generally pleased with work being done to protect children, and that they recognised the good partnerships between local agencies.

"We will continue in our efforts to bring about further improvements in services for children and families."

## Fighting perils of cyberspace

YOUNG people have launched their own campaign to warn their friends about the dangers of using the internet.

Members of Greenwich Young People's Council (GYPC) have called their campaign: 'The internet – it's great to use when it's not abused'.

It was devised by GYPC members Adam Perry, 17, and Plumstead Manor pupil, 19-year-old Kayleigh Clarke, who is the children in care rep on GYPC.

The pair worked with the Greenwich Safeguarding Children Board, a partnership of organisations including the royal borough, police, health professionals, and voluntary services.

Adam, who is now at Shooters Hill Post 16 campus said: "I felt it was a really important thing to get involved with. A lot of my friends have had issues and concerns around internet safety and cyber bullying.

"We did some training to recognise the issues and areas that affect young people, especially the area of privacy settings which most young people ignore."

Their campaign was launched to school councils and teachers at the Y Factor conference in December, where they also ran a workshop and gave out information telling young people where to get support.

"The idea is that school councils can now spread the word around schools in support of the campaign. The feedback from teachers is that it is a really useful campaign," said Adam.

● For posters and business cards contact [safeguardingboard@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingboard@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) For more information on the e-safety campaign visit [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/GYPC](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/GYPC)



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Fridays • 10am–7pm  
ASDA, Charlton

Saturdays • 11am–5pm  
General Gordon's Square,  
Woolwich



# Attention! Armed Forces Day 2013 date confirmed

**PREPARATIONS** are under way for this year's Armed Forces Day celebrations, when Woolwich Barracks hosts one of the biggest events in the UK.

The free event once again joins forces with the Great Get Together, the large and exciting community festival.

The date has been announced as Saturday June 29, and the event will run between 11am and 6pm at the barracks in Grand Depot Road.

Planned attractions include a military and vintage vehicle display, historical re-enactments, walk-round entertainers, a live music stage, charity and commercial stalls, animal displays, fairground rides and sports taster sessions.

At the heart of the event is a large arena with a thrilling programme of spectacular military displays and marching bands, along with stunt car shows, bird of prey demonstrations, and more.

Visitors can park in special parking areas for a small charge.

Organisers are keen to hear from groups, organisations and businesses interested in taking part. To find out more contact Joan Dance on 020 8921 5049 joan.dance@royalgreenwich.gov.uk as soon as possible.

The event is organised by the royal borough together with the army.

When it was last held in 2011 around 20,000 people went along. There was a break last year when the site was used for the Olympic shooting events. Organisers intend to make



**STAND FIRM:** old soldiers prepare for inspection while a young visitor inspects an officer's medals at the last Armed Forces Day event in 2011

this year's event the best yet, with an even more attractions. However, the event would not be possible without support from local businesses.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event please contact Janine Whittaker on 020 8921 5408 or email janine.whittaker@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

● Look out for more details in future editions of Greenwich Time, and sign up for e-alerts to be kept up to date at Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/ealerts

# A 'Better' leisure deal for disabled residents

Benefits include sessions in other boroughs

**DISABLED** residents can now take advantage of discounted access to borough sports and leisure facilities in the borough.

The Better Health and Fitness inclusive membership scheme was launched at the House of Commons earlier this month by Eltham MP Clive Efford and Paralympic gold medallist Giles Long MBE.

The card means disabled residents will be able to join seven leisure centres, run by Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) for just £19.95 a month.

Membership also allows cardholders to use any other GLL-operated sports or leisure facility in the UK for no additional cost.

The new scheme to increase sports participation among disabled people fits into the borough's Olympic and Paralympic legacy ideals.

Cllr Peter Kotz, cabinet



**BIG BEN-EFITS:** Eltham MP Clive Efford (centre), launches new offer with Giles Long (right)

member for cultural and creative industries, told GT: "This is a great incentive for disabled people to get involved in health and fitness. Greater attendances at our leisure centres is one of the best legacies from the Games."

Holders of a 'Better Inclusive' card will enjoy

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- online booking for activities
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- up to 30% off non member prices for any other activities

To be eligible for a Better Inclusive card, customers must be over 16 and meet one of the following criteria: severe disablement allowance; mobility allowance; disability living allowance; industrial injuries disablement benefit; disablement benefit; attendance allowance; employment and support allowance.

● **MORE** at [www.gll.org/b2b](http://www.gll.org/b2b)

## ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – CARLYLE ROAD AND ADJOINING ROUNDABOUTS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate carriageway resurfacing works in Carlyle Road and adjoining roundabouts. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:

(a) prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, waiting or proceeding in:

- (i) Carlyle Road, between the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive and the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Bentham Road and Crossway;
- (ii) the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive; and
- (iii) the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Bentham Road and Crossway.

(b) prohibit vehicles from entering or exiting:

- (i) Central Way at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive;
- (ii) Crossway at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive;
- (iii) Crossway at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Bentham Road and Crossway; and
- (iv) Greenhaven Drive at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive.

**NOTE:** The works in the above roads would not be conducted concurrently and, as such, not all the restrictions stated above would be in force in all the affected roads at any one time.

2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operation of the works.

3. Whilst the closures specified in paragraph 1 above are in operation, the alternative route would be via a combination of Bentham Road, Central Way, Crossway and Eastern Way and would be indicated via local signage.

4. The Order would come into force on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take approximately three weeks to complete.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5956.

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Dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
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## ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HARE STREET

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate Thames Water works in Hare Street. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Hare Street, between the south-easterly corner of Woolwich High Street and its junction with Power Street.

2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.

3. Whilst the closure specified in paragraph 1 is in operation, the alternative route would be via Woolwich High Street, John Wilson Street and Power Street.

4. The Order would come into force on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 only.

5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.

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**Children's Events**

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Thursday Rhyme Time 2.30pm-3.00pm

**Blackheath Library**  
Old Dover road, SE3 7BT  
Tel: 020 8858 1131

**Regular activities**

Wednesday 13th and 27th February - Age Uk drop in advice sessions from 10.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 6th and 20th February - drop in coffee morning for older people sessions from 10.00am-12.00pm

**Childrens Events**

Monday Brain teaser madness hour 4.30pm-5.30pm

Tuesday Baby rhyme time 2.00pm-2.30pm

Wednesday Messy hour 10.30pm-11.30pm

Wednesday 6th February During messy hour we will be making a Chinese lantern to celebrate Chinese new year.

Wednesday 20th February Half term during messy hour winter craft session

Friday Songs and stories in Spanish

10.30pm-11.00pm term time only

Saturday Storytime 2.00pm-2.30pm

**Reading Group**

Thursday 7th February Discussing 'Trespass' by Rose Tremain

11.00am-12.00noon

Monday 18th February Discussing 'Me and mine' by Anna May Mangan

7.00pm-8.00pm

**Charlton Library**

Charlton House, SE7 8RE

Tel: 020-8319-2525

**Children's Activities**

Monday Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am &

11.00am-11.30am

Thursday Story time 2.00pm-2.30pm

Messy Morning 10.00am-10.30am

**Reading Group**

Thursday 28th February The Post Mistress by Sarah Blake

11.00am-12.00noon

**Claude Ramsey**

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**Children's Activities**

Wednesday Rhyme Time 10.30am-11.00am

Friday Messy Morning 10.30am-11.30am

**Coldharbour Library**  
William Barefoot Drive, SE9 3AY  
Tel: 020 8857 7346

**Adult's activities**

Tuesday 12th February

Fridays

NEW! Gardening Group

Adult Craft Taster Session 2.00pm-3.00pm

Coffee, Tea and Chat 2.00pm-4.00pm

Please ask staff for more details.

**Children's activities**

Mondays

Tuesdays

Fridays

Saturday 9th February

Crafty Kids Club 3.30pm-4.30pm

Messy Mornings 10.30am-11.30am

Baby Rhyme Time - 10.30am-11.00am

Saturday Morning Craft Club

11.00am-12.00noon

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11.00am-12.00noon

**During Half Term week our regular craft sessions will have a Circus Theme - come and join in!**

**Reading Group**

Monday 25th February

Discussing 'I capture the castle' by Dodie Smith

**East Greenwich Library**

Woolwich Road, SE10 9RL

Tel: 020 8858 6656

**Regular activities**

The 2nd & 4th Fridays

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**Children's activities**

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Messy Morning 10.00am-11.00am

Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am

**Half Term Activities**

Monday 18th February

Winter crafts 2.30-3.30pm

Tuesday 19th February

Winetr crafts 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 21st February

Story time 2.30-3.30pm

**Reading Group**

Thursday 7th February

Discussing 'Frost in May' by Antonia White

7.00pm - 8.00pm

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**Eltham Library**  
2 Archery Road, SE9 1HA  
Tel: 020 8921 3452

**Regular activities**

Wednesday 6th February Age UK Bromley and Greenwich Advice Sessions in the foyer.  
 Wednesday 20th February Age UK Bromley and Greenwich Advice Sessions in the foyer  
 Friday GLLAB Work Sessions 9.30am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-4.30pm in the foyer.

**Children's activites**

Monday Messy Morning 10.00am-11.00am  
 Tuesday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am  
 Wednesday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and 11.00am-11.30am  
 Thursday Storytime 11.00am-11.30am  
 Thursday 21st February Spring Time crafts 2.30-3.30pm in the Childrens Library.  
 Friday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and 11.00am-11.30am

**Reading Groups**

Thursday 21st February OJ'S @ EL 'Midnight in Peking' by Paul French 6.45pm-8.00pm  
 Tuesday 19th February Eltham Reading Group 'In the sea there be crocodiles' by Fabio Gebo 2.15pm-3.15pm  
 Sunday 24th February Sunday RG @ EL 'Rebecca' by Daphne Du Maurier 11.00-12.00noon

**New Eltham Library**  
Southwood Road, SE9 3QT  
Tel: 020 8850 2322

**Regular activities NEW**

Thursdays Knit & Natter 2.15pm-3.15pm (stay longer if you wish)  
 Supporting Battersea Dogs & Cats Home knitting blankets for the animals.

**Children's Activities**

Monday Baby Rhyme Time- 2-30pm-3pm  
 Tuesday Messy Morning 10.30am - 11.30am  
 NEW Thursday Baby Rhyme Time 10.30am - 11.30am

**Half term Friday 22nd February 'spring' crafts 2.30pm-3.30pm**

**Reading Group**

Monday 4th February A Sophie Hannah Crime Novel

**Plumstead Library**  
232 Plumstead High Street, SE18 1JL  
Tel: 020 8854 1728

**Regular activities**

Monday 11th February Age UK Information Morning 10.00am-12.00noon  
 Monday 25thth Age UK Information Morning 10.00am-12.00noon  
 Monday Gllab Work Club 2.00pm-4.00pm please ring 020 8921 2440

**Children's activities**

Monday 18th February Brain teaser Madness 'Winter puzzles' 4.30pm-5.30pm  
 Tuesday Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time 10.30am-11.00am  
 Thursday 21st February Messy Morning 'Snowflake crafts' 10.30am-11.30am

**Slade Library**  
Erindale, SE18 2QQ  
Tel: 020 8854 7900

**Children's activities**

Tuesday Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am  
 Saturday Messy Morning 10.30am-11.30am

**Halfterm activity**

Thursday 21st February Spring crafts 2.30pm-3.30pm

**Reading Group**

Thursday 28th February Discussing 'Pigeon English' by Stephen Kelman 7.00pm-8.15pm

**West Greenwich Library**  
Greenwich High Road, SE10 8NN  
Tel: 020 8858 4289

**Regular activities**

First Thursday of the month  
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**Children's activities**

NEW Monday Chatter Books Reading and of the month Activity Group for 8 - 12 year olds.  
 Tuesday 1st Monday of the month 4.30pm-5.30pm Rhyme Time 10.30am-11.00am  
 Thursday Messy Morning 10.30am-11.30am Rhyme Time 2.30pm-3.00pm  
 Friday Manga Group (9yrs +) 4.30pm-5.30pm Rhyme Time 10.30am-11.00am (doors open at 10.15am)

**Half term Messy Morning Thurs 21st Feb 10.30-11.30 Colour some birds, make a nest and take them home!**

**Reading Group**

Monday 11th February Discussing 'Climate of Fear' by Wole Soyinka. 5.45pm-6.45pm  
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**Woolwich Centre Library**

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35 Wellington Street  
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**Regular activities**

All Week Learn direct Training Centre 9.00pm-5.00pm  
 Tuesday Gllab Work Clubs 2.00pm-4.00pm  
 Thursday Gllab Work Clubs 10.30am-11.30am Please ring Gllab on 020 8921 2440 to secure a place.

Thursdays Do you claim benefit at Woolwich Jobcentre Plus? Group Session at Woolwich Centre Library in the Reader Development Room 1:30pm-4.00pm. Please see your advisor to book a space.

**Children's Activities**

Monday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am  
 Mondays Manga Group 4.30pm-5.30pm  
 Tuesday Story Time 10.30am-11.00am  
 Thursday Baby Rhyme Time 10.00am-10.30am and 11.00am-11.30am  
 Friday RASCALS After school club 4.30pm-5.30pm  
 Saturday Messy Morning 10.30am-11.00am  
 Baby Rhyme Time 10am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am

**Weekly Messy Morning Activities**

Friday 1st February Chinese New Year paper lanterns  
 Friday 8th February Valentines crafts  
 Friday 15th February Love your library crafts

**Special Half Term Children's Activities**

Tuesday 19th February Spring Story Time  
 Thursday 21st February Japanese Spring Activities with RASCALS  
 Friday 22nd February Spring Messy Crafts- St David Day daffodils

**Monthly activities**

Last Wednesday Reading Group 12.30pm-1.30pm  
 First Wednesday Knit and Natter 10.00am - 12.00noon

**Reading Group**

Wednesday 27th February Discussing 'Cannery Row' by John Steinbeck 12.30pm-1.30pm

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THE LEAGUE THEY LOVE: players get ready for their favourite football competition, 10 weeks of the Charlton Triangle Community Football League at the Meridian Sports Ground



# Six of the best

The schools league that's spent half a dozen seasons at the top

by Marasuli Nuur

ALL the best football teams play in triangles - and for local 10 and 11-year-old players there's only one league worth playing for - the Charlton Triangle Community Football League.

The league has just started its sixth season and games will be played every Tuesday for 10 weeks at the Meridian Sports Ground on Charlton Lane.

The competition - played between 4pm and 5.30pm - is open to all primary school children aged 10 and 11, with at least two girls per team. There are A and B teams for each school, which means that as many children as possible can take part.

Last year the league was made up of 7-a-side teams, but with more schools from across the borough wanting to take part, this year it has grown to 8-a-side teams with an additional four players to be used as substitutes.

All games are 15 minutes each way, making 132 games that need to be played before the finals on the March 26. Games take place on three pitches at the same time.

Three former players have come back to referee the league games. One of them - 16-year-old Dean Flower - played in the first competition back in 2008.

Dean said: "I wanted to referee in this league as I enjoyed playing in it so much and getting this chance is great for my own personal development."

Players have made new friends as well as improving their fitness and skills in the league, and the sportsmanship shown by young players has been praised by teachers and parents alike.

Each player receives a medal at the end of the competition and the top three winning teams get trophies from Charlton Athletic players.

The league is supported by Charlton Triangle Homes, which looks after 1,200 homes in the borough,

Tireless Ed Price, the PE coordinator of Charlton Manor primary school, oversees the day-to-day running of the league and fixtures list.

Ed said: "It's great to see how much the children love this competition, which just gets bigger and bigger."



BACK ON THE BALL: the 10-week season gets under way at the Meridian Sports Ground despite the cold weather

# Black magic

## Lauren and Luke get the belt that matters

by Peter Cordwell

**THEIR** passion for jujitsu has nothing to do with medals or Olympic dreams, but the experience Lauren Wilkin and Luke Rodrigues shared at Shrewsbury House was as emotional as winning gold.

It was the moment they put on their junior black belts.

"I was supposed to be the typical bloke and bottle up my feelings," laughed Luke, an IT technician who lives in Woolwich, "but I started when I saw Lauren in tears. It was such a great sense of relief and joy."

The two 18-year-olds are members of the Cougar Club of Jujitsu that meets three times a week at the centre in Bushmoor Crescent, Shooters Hill.

Luke was one of its first students

10 years ago. "My dad got me into it when I was really young," he told GT. "He wanted me to be able to protect myself. I kept it up and it became a passion from there – a way of life, if you like."

"We don't want or need to compete. It's tailored to the street and at school and is strictly about self-defence and self-confidence in real-life situations. I'm a junior instructor myself now and I've seen nervous young people come here and be bursting with confidence after a few months."

Lauren, who lives in Eltham and is studying history at Goldsmiths University, started jujitsu when she went to secondary school at Crown Woods. "I'd been bullied, nothing very serious, but I wanted the confidence to stand up to people."

"My mum worked at Shrewsbury

House and knew about the club. I was quite nervous but they were very friendly and it was really fun. I've never had to use jujitsu, maybe because it's improved my self-awareness and don't find myself in situations."

"I was in tears when I received my black belt. Jujitsu has given me such confidence, even with public speaking, and I'm hoping to become a teacher."

More than 50 spectators watched Luke and Lauren's black belt grading at Shrewsbury House in December. Chief instructor Rob Belfield told GT: "We have five instructors that have come through the ranks and 100-plus students."

"Luke and Lauren put on one of the best gradings I've seen in 20 years. Their skill, coordination and control was really fantastic. They're great role models for the younger ones."

Jujitsu includes techniques to turn someone's aggression against themselves. Luke has had to use it on one or two occasions and says: "It definitely does work but we're taught at the club to always try to talk our way out of situations and walk away if we can."

"I teach my pupils the same thing, but you've always got that back up, the confidence that you can protect yourself."

● FIND out more at [www.cougarjujitsu.org](http://www.cougarjujitsu.org)

**ROLE MODELS:** (left) black belt winners Lauren and Luke get in the mood for training with members and instructors at the Shrewsbury House club



**MAKING A FIST OF IT:** black belt winners Lauren Wilkin and Luke Rodrigues



## Shopping voucher comp winner

ONE new year wish came true for Charlton mum Karen Manze when she won a GT competition.

The Charlton mum-of-two was the lucky reader who won £250 worth of shopping vouchers to spend at Greenwich Shopping Park, Charlton. Karen entered our competition explaining her Christmas wish and was selected from 30 shortlisted entries.

After suffering from a long-term illness, Karen was unable to work and began volunteering at Greenwich Mind, and now runs regular gardening sessions for members of the community.

## Last days to back Bridge the Gap



**SLOW MOTION:** traffic tail-backs are commonplace on the Blackwall Tunnel approach roads

THERE are just three days left for people to have their say on plans to create new crossings over the Thames in south-east London.

Transport for London (TfL) has been running a public consultation to get people's views.

And the deadline to take part is this Friday, (February 1).

Many businesses, civic and community leaders in the borough say that the best way to ease all the traffic snarl-ups and open up the region to economic growth is to have a new tunnel at Greenwich Peninsula.

The council believes TfL's current suggestion for a ferry at Thamesmead doesn't go far enough and a new crossing is needed.

It is urging residents to back the campaign by going to [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bridgethegap](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/bridgethegap)

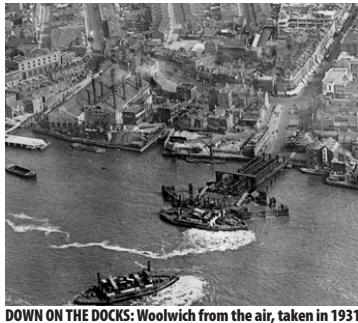
and taking part in TfL's consultation exercise at [www.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings)

The campaign is being led jointly by the royal borough and Newham Council.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the royal borough's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, said: "New river crossings are absolutely essential to solve the serious congestion in this part of London and unlock the development potential of some 40 sites both sides of the Thames."

"This is about easing congestion and pollution by making it easier to travel from one side of the river to the other."

"We support all other transport options and urge people to walk, cycle and to use public transport, but we also need to solve the congestion issue and to bring better jobs and prospects for our local residents and businesses."



DOWN ON THE DOCKS: Woolwich from the air, taken in 1931

**T**HREE has been a settlement at Woolwich since before Londinium was a twinkle in Rome's eye.

It was a millennia before Henry VIII would commission a fleet of warships from its riverside, where 400 years later the Royal Arsenal would hum to the rhythm of World War One munitions production.

Fast-forward to 2012, and five years of painstaking work was realised in the most comprehensive history of Woolwich ever produced.

The 48th edition of the Survey of London was started in 2007 by a small team of researchers, photographers and draftsmen.

The huge tome puts SE18 into focus like never before, delving into the rich history of the docks, the Arsenal and its inhabitants.

Aerial photographs, historical records and new architectural drawings document the buildings of the area which helped shape London.

The book's editor, Peter Guillery told GT: "There has been a settlement on the site right back to the Iron Age. It had a ditch right around it between Bell Water Gate and the Arsenal. It was a settlement of some importance and size, even before London was a town – before the Romans."

The 500 pages of the weighty volume focus primarily on the buildings which have been built over the last half-millennia.

"Our work is to concentrate on the buildings – we're not archeologists," the editor said. "What we look at are what's standing now and how it got there and what's interesting about the architecture, and there is a great deal in Woolwich."

The series of books has been running since 1890.

"In recent decades the books have focused on areas where change is afoot, to try and be useful not just to English Heritage, but the general public as well," said Peter, who has been documenting London's buildings for more than 25 years. The Survey of London was taken over by English Heritage in 1999.

A copy of the book is on display at the Greenwich Heritage Centre until February 7, and newly surveyed drawings were commissioned specially for the project.

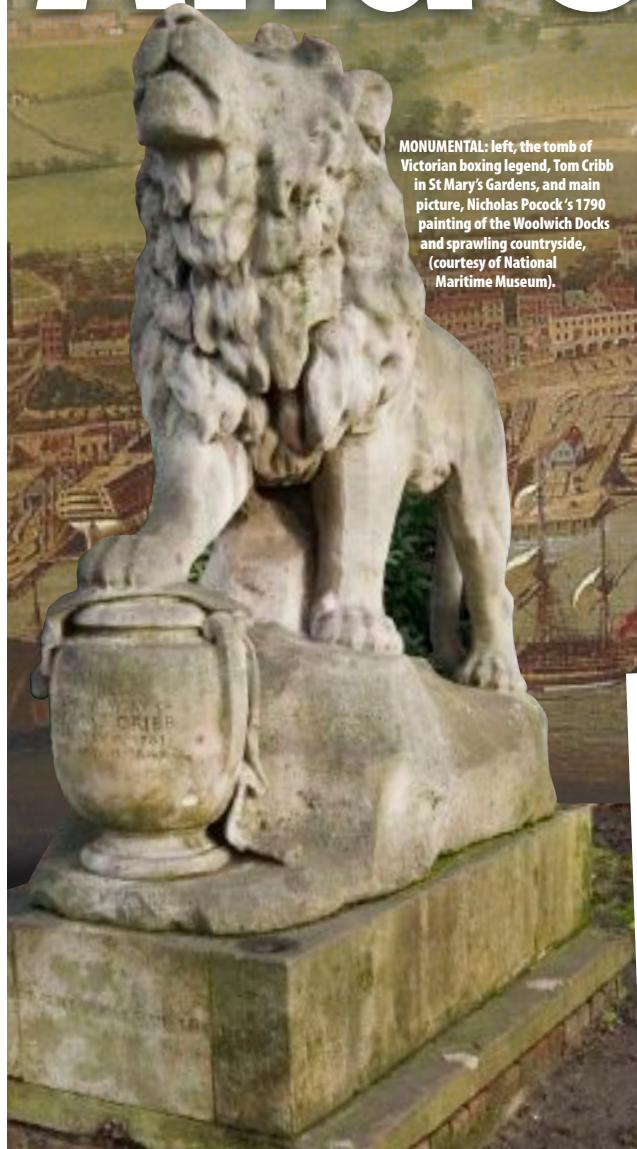
"The long section of the town hall is featured in a pullout section – it's a building in a way that you won't see otherwise," he added. "We were determined to do more areas south of the river, just because of the imbalance in the series as a whole. It was a priority with English Heritage that Woolwich should be covered."

The team unearthed many new stories.

"There are still remnants of the very small cinema on Woolwich New Road, which is now a garage, and we found that the houses on Thomas Street

Woolwich is the subject of the latest English Heritage through the ages, and is on display at the Greenwich

# And our sur



MONUMENTAL: left, the tomb of Victorian boxing legend, Tom Cribb in St Mary's Gardens, and main picture, Nicholas Pocock's 1790 painting of the Woolwich Docks and sprawling countryside, (courtesy of National Maritime Museum).



facing the square were 18th century. More important than that was the discovery that the artist Paul Sandby actually lived in one of those houses.

"In the Arsenal there was the discovery that Gottfried Semper, the German architect was responsible for designing the ironworks. Nobody knew of the German connection. He was here as a refugee in the 19th century – so it was long before World War One."

At its height, 80,000 people were employed at the site.

"The Arsenal as a factory was hugely important – it was one of the major industrial employers for the military. Its

workforce made Woolwich prosperous. It's a very important site, and long before that in the 16th century it was the dockyard."

It was Henry VIII's initiative to build what were then, the largest ships in Europe.

"We were able to confirm that the origins of the dockyard were where the car park of the Waterfront Leisure Centre now stands, and not where the dockyard is now."

"Naval shipbuilding began there in 1512, so our publication marked 500 years since that began, and was an anniversary that was largely forgotten amongst all the other celebrations last year."

"We spent a lot of time investigating the history of public housing in Woolwich.

It's not something that's really been explored. The history of council housing is interesting – there are areas which may not be very popular architecturally but in historic terms very important.

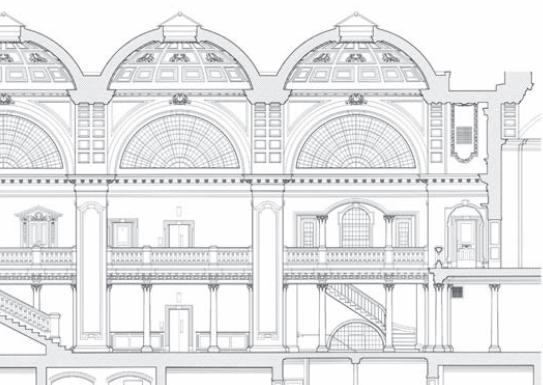
"The Morris Walk estate was the first major experiment with industrialised assistance building in the country."

There are drawings to show how buildings work, with some of the Artillery Barracks, showing the amount of space that soldiers were given over the centuries in the barracks.

"Woolwich was a big town in its own right that drew people in from far and wide," Peter said. "In the 1930s Granada and

stage Survey of London. It documents SE18  
vich Heritage Centre. ROD KITSON reports.

# 'vey says...



**FINE ART:** artist Paul Sandby lived on Thomas Street. Above left, drawings of Woolwich Town Hall and Shell Foundry Gate were commissioned for the survey.



**THE MILLER'S TALE:** above,  
drawing of a shipwright's  
windmill on Mill Lane from  
1845, and top, the new  
book's cover

the Odeon built huge cinemas and they were showy buildings. Woolwich is very lucky that it's still got two of them by that roundabout. The interior of the Granada especially is very impressive."

It's not all about the places though, the editor says.

"We do investigate the residents of the area. There were many military figures who lived here or passed through. Samuel Pepys came to Woolwich regularly, because he was responsible for the dockyards, and he came to escape the plague in 1665."

And, he says, the survey has evolved over its 120-year history.

"In the 1920s the survey could only

cover what people thought were 'historic buildings', but now it's accepted that everything is historic. We try to cover everything, not just the highlights.

"The Survey of London is a valuable resource because we're showing how an immensely important city got to be the way it is."

- The Survey of London is on display at the Greenwich Heritage Centre, Woolwich Arsenal, until Feb 7. For more info go to [www.greenwichheritage.org](http://www.greenwichheritage.org) or call 020 8854 2452.

The Survey of London No.48 is published by English Heritage and is priced £75.

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We have one copy of the Survey of London Volume 48 to give away. To enter, just answer this question:  
**What year did Henry VIII begin building the dockyards at Woolwich?**  
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# Community cinema put into focus

FILM London and dozens of figures from the capital's movie industry descended on the Woolwich Grand Theatre for a seminar on community cinema, writes Rod Kitson.

Speakers at the event on January 22 shared ideas for local cinema projects over the coming year, and there was also the news that the EMI music company is planning to build a film music museum.

Anna Kime, head of film culture at Film London told *Scene*: "It was a networking training opportunity for film festival organisers in London. We hold events all over London and it's good to show our members new cinemas they may not have experienced before."

And Anna says that far from being pushed out by the internet and home cinemas, going out to the pictures is more popular than ever.

"There has been a surge in community cinema like what's happening at the Grand. Despite big tellies and the internet, people still want to come out. YouTube has actually helped because it has given people access to more obscure films."

She added: "The big new trend is 'event-based cinema' which is being driven by local communities."

Terry Grant and Barbara Gill from the Mycenae Community Cinema in Blackheath went along to the event.

Terry told *Scene*: "The last time I came here was in 1959! It was the ABC cinema then. It looks great and it's brilliant that it's staging events like this. We came to listen to what other cinemas in London are doing and to get some ideas for our own."

"We show everything from Disney to Tarantino every Tuesday." (For more info on Mycenae Community Cinema go to [www.pvr.co.uk/cinema](http://www.pvr.co.uk/cinema)).

The big news of the day was that record giants EMI are planning to build a museum to house its stock of movie memorabilia.

Paul Moody, from Brunel University told *Scene*: "EMI have a big back catalogue of movies and movie soundtracks. Over the next four or five years they are going to build on a site in Hayes."

Events coming up at the Woolwich Grand include a daredevil visit from Hollywood stuntman and director Vic Armstrong on Thursday, February 7. Tickets £10, starts at 6.30pm, and a King of Comedy stand-up competition on Saturday, February 16. Tickets are £7/£6.

More info and book on 020 8316 7660 or at [www.thewoolwichgrandtheatre.com](http://www.thewoolwichgrandtheatre.com)



**LEGEND** has it that Charlton House is haunted. It has its fair share of ghost stories, and many unexplained noises have been heard after the lights go out.

On one occasion the spooks even turned the lights back on after the house-keeper had locked up for the night.

And now there are noises being heard in the daytime...but this time it's a series of concerts taking place on Friday lunchtimes.

Japanese virtuoso Natsumi Ikenaga plays this Friday, February 1, from 1pm, with a piano performance of works by Haydn and Prokofiev.

All of the performances are free to attend, and on February 8 the Royal Academy of Music pops in. The London Guitar Duo - William Cashel and Ben Bruiant are all strum along to works by Couperin, Rameau, J.S.Bach F.Sor, Falla, Brouwer and Piazzolla.

Guildhall School of Music and Drama features heavily in the programme which started in January and runs until the end of the month.

Its series, 'Reactions and Reflections' returns for part two on February 15, and the heirless ghost of the house's third owner, William Langhorn would surely have approved of the session entitled, 'To Have Loved, To Have Lived', which sees Charlotte King take mezzo soprano duties and Jorge Nabarro Colorado as tenor.

Guildhall assistant James Wilson told *Scene*: "Charlton House is a brilliant venue, and it's a great experience for young musicians to be playing in front of a discerning audience."

"There are 24 musicians in the junior Guildhall group."

On Feb 22 it's the turn of the Royal

# WHAT

## BOSTALL HILL

**Quiz Night. Thurs Feb 7**  
Community Hospice quiz, bring your own refreshments. 7pm-9.30pm. £5. 020 8319 9230

## GREENWICH THEATRE

**Line Up. Mon Feb 4/Bi-monthly.**  
Scratch night hosted by Vertical Line Theatre. 8pm. £5. 020 8858 7755.

## MORDEN ARMS

**Open Mic Night. Thurs Feb 7**  
Local musicians are invited to perform their tracks and mingle. 8pm. FREE. 020 8858 2189

## ST. ALFEGE'S CHURCH, GREENWICH

**Lunchtime Recital. Sat Feb 9**  
Afternoon performance at the Greenwich church with a recorder recital by Stefan Pilczek. 1.10pm. FREE. 020 8853 0687

## THE LORD HOOD PUB

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# Trouping of the colour

GREENWICH Dance is offering special discounts on courses this winter.

To mark its 20th anniversary, the agency on Borough Hill, Greenwich is running taster courses every Thursday until February 14, with five classes costing £20.

GD's Caron Loudy said: "This could be a great way to get in shape and the chance to try something new. With this taster course participants can try a completely different style every week."

Runs from 7-8pm. To book call Greenwich Dance on 020 8293 9741 and quote 20YEARS or visit [www.greenwichdance.org.uk](http://www.greenwichdance.org.uk)

**Charlton House hosts top-level music students at lunchtime concerts**



College of Music's tenor Michael Butchard, accompanied by Emas Au on piano.

On March 1 the Royal Academy of Music presents Chamber Music with Harp, with works by Joseph Ropart, Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel.

Guildhall's Reactions and Reflections is back again on March 8, this time with 'The Calm Before the Storm'. The sweet voice of Claire Candy is accompanied by soprano Natalie Perez, while Ricardo Gosalbo jangles the ivories.

Monster munch comes in the shape of tea and cake at the café for £2.50, sandwich and drink for £3, and soup

and a sandwich for £3.50. Guildhall presents the Junior Guildhall Chamber Choir on March 15, and returns to its series, Reactions and Reflections on March 22.

This time it's Les Six, which is performed by Bethan Langford and Megan Quick, two mezzo-sopranos. Tim Connor sings baritone and Justin Snyder is on piano.

*Recitals are free to attend. All performances start at 1pm. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Info: [www.charlton-house.org](http://www.charlton-house.org) or on 020 8856 3951*

# House of honours!



ON THE FIDDLERS: violinists from Guildhall perform. Main pic, the Jacobean mansion in sunnier times

## Beginning of the End

IT'S the beginning of the end at Greenwich Theatre... the beginning of a week-long run of *Journey's End*, that is.

The First World War drama comes to the Crooms Hill theatre on February 9. It's a return for the Sell A Door company, and the third in a trio of historical productions, after *The Man Who Had all the Luck* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* in 2012.

"It's a play that requires a slightly different skill from me," director David Hutchinson tells Scene - "I have had to know when to butt-out!"

"It is a very realistic play, it's been a case of just letting the characters tell the story."

The R.C. Sherriff script was based on the author's experiences during World War One

"It's a really deep story," David says. "We had to do a lot of research into the period that we didn't have a wealth of knowledge on - none of us existed then, of course! One of the cast was lucky enough to get hold of one of Sherriff's diaries from the period, which really added colour."

*Journey's End* is the story of a group of officers in a dugout on the eve of a massive assault on the German trenches, an hour-by-hour account of the terrifying lead-up to the big push.

"The clock is ticking," David adds. "It gets right into the characters and how they prepare themselves for dealing with possible death."

It was first performed in 1929, by a cast which included Lawrence Olivier. All of the officers have their own story to tell.

"One tries to abandon his post, and another is an alcoholic who's been driven to drink by the harrowing conflict," David says.

Theatrical retellings of the First World War often fall foul of the sheer scale of the battlefield, but *Journey's End* is more about in-situ characterisations, the director says.

"It's all set in the dugout. The challenge was to create a sense of claustrophobia and the idea of everything going on overhead."

It's the eighth play that Sell A Door has put on at Greenwich Theatre, before it started life at the now-closed Greenwich Playhouse.

The growing, independent company has since put down roots with an office in the town centre.

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*Journey's End* runs from Feb 9-17 at Greenwich Theatre at 7.30pm, Sundays at 4pm. Schools showings at 1pm on Weds and Thurs. Tickets 020 8858 7755 or [www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk)

## It's in our heritage

THE Greenwich Heritage Centre on the Woolwich Arsenal has a packed programme of events this winter and spring.

The Survey of London is at the centre until February 7, (see p12-13 for more). A display about the 2012 and 1948 Olympics is on until Feb 2, and a collection of paintings - the 'Eltham Watercolours' are on show from Feb 16 to 18 May. The 'Women in Afghanistan' photography exhibition runs from Feb 19 to April 13 at the centre's Berkeley Gallery. More info at [www.greenwichheritage.org](http://www.greenwichheritage.org) or on 020 8854 2452

## Arts direct

THERE is a new arts directory for easy access and links to arts organisations in Greenwich.

To register and submit details for inclusion go to: [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/artsdirectory](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/artsdirectory)

# 'S ON

### WOOLWICH GRAND THEATRE

**King of Comedy. Sat Feb 16**

Ten acts perform routines with the audience voting for the best. 7.30pm. £7/£6 advance. 020 8316 7600

### MYCENAE HOUSE

**Jazz Night. Fri Feb 8 (every second Fri of month)**

Jazz evening with performance on trumpet by Barbara Snow. 8.30pm. £8. [www.jazznights.co.uk](http://www.jazznights.co.uk)

### GREENWICH AND LEWISHAM YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE

**Hip Hop Dance classes for 8-12 year olds. Every Thurs. 4pm-5pm. £3/£1.50 concs. 020 8854 1316**

### BLACKHEATH HALLS

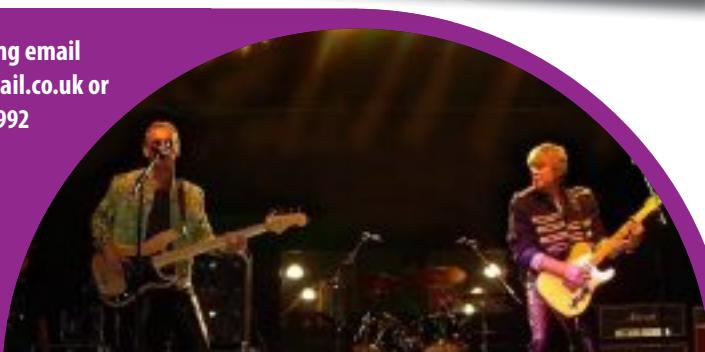
**The Nutcracker. Sat Feb 9.**

Classic tale by Hoffman of toys coming to life, with music by Tchaikovsky. 3pm. £7. 020 8305 9300

### INDIGO2

**Jack Petchey Gateway to Music. Tues Feb 12**

300 people from different boroughs take part in a big concert. 6.30pm. Tkt from £8. 020 8463 2700



### THE PELTON ARMS

**Live Music: The Secret Police. Sat Feb 9. 8pm**

IMITATION is the sincerest form of flattery, as tribute band The Secret Police found out a few years ago when Sting said he'd leave the music to them.

Lead Stinger John Green told Scene: "I watched Sting on The Jonathan Ross show a few years ago - before the Police reformed - and he was asked would he consider getting back with the band.

"He said he'll leave the hits to be played by The Secret Police, and that was very flattering. He's also had a

listen to one of our records and is supposed to be quite impressed." It's the band's first time to Greenwich, with another booked in Autumn. "We're really looking forward to coming to the Pelton Arms," John added. "It's a small venue but it has a really good reputation with musicians, especially with its association with Squeeze."

The three-piece formed in 1996 with John recruiting brothers Michael and Cam Findley.

**The Secret Police play at the Pelton Arms on Saturday February 9 at 8pm. Entry is free. 020 8858 0572. [www.thesecretpolice.moonfruit.com](http://www.thesecretpolice.moonfruit.com)**

# Catering Courses



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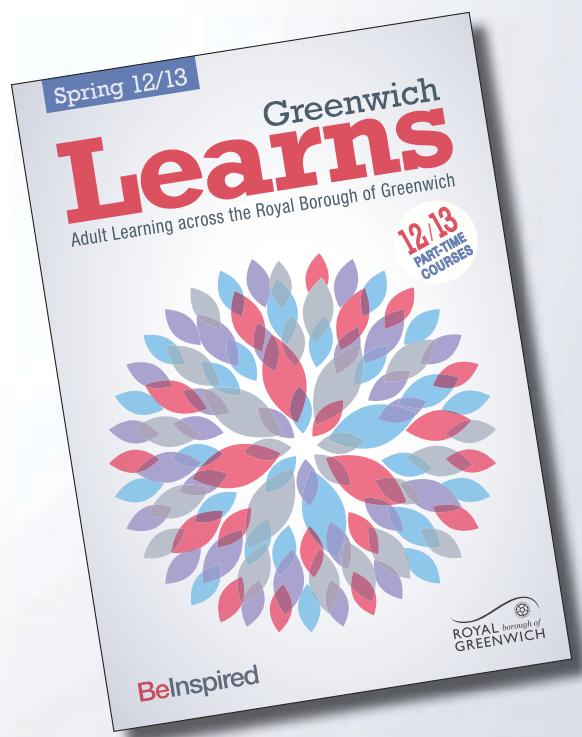
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In accordance with the provision of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Royal Borough is required to carry out a consultation exercise with non-domestic ratepayers concerning its budget proposal for 2013/14. The consultation period is the week commencing 11th February 2013. Detailed information about the proposals is being sent to SE London Chamber of Commerce, The Federation of Small Businesses and to certain major ratepayers. Non-domestic ratepayers who are not members of these organisations, and who wish to examine the budget proposals, may get copies of the information from Strategic Accounting, Chief Executive's Department, 3rd Floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ.



## ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH RAINTON ROAD

The Greenwich (Charlton CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 7) Order 2013  
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 43) Order 2013

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich on 25th January 2013 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part III of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1996, as amended. The Orders will come into operation on 30th January 2013.
- The general effect of the Orders will be in Rainton Road to remove the existing disabled person's parking place outside No. 2 Rainton Road and replace it with a shared use resident's and limited visiting parking place.
- Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 3804.
- The Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of 10 weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 38 Woolwich New Road, SE18 8HQ.
- If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1996, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

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GREEN GARDENERS: gardening club members with headteacher Tim Baker and Asda community life champion, Hope Augustus

## Supermarket seed capital helps to grow school garden

MONEY can grow on trees according to pupils at a school gardening club who've been given £500 in seed capital.

The youngsters from Charlton Manor primary school received the donation for their gardening club from the local Asda store as part of its community support programme.

The money will help the green fingered youngsters continue to grow their school gardens and enjoy the fruits of their labours. Asda Charlton's community life champion, Hope Augustus said: "The enthusiasm and

knowledge that these youngsters have is just amazing and it's great to know that we are helping them secure a strong future for the gardening club".

Charlton Manor headteacher Tim Baker added: "Our garden is the centre of school life and the support we consistently get from Asda is just fantastic. As well as financial, it's practical and this latest gesture will, I hope, help us in our quest to get to the Chelsea Flower Show for a fourth year. We got a Silver Gilt last year and we're striving so hard to turn that into gold in 2013".

## Celebrate SE9 in rhyme and verse contest

BUDDING poets are invited to celebrate the borough in a poetry competition. The Eltham in Verse contest runs until February 28. It's a chance for local people to show their appreciation of Eltham and its history through poetry.

To support poets with their writing, workshops are being held in Eltham with the next on Thursday February 14 at 2pm at St Mary's Centre on Eltham High Street. Local police and fire officers have got involved along with residents of all ages. You can enter as an individual or as a team and the winning poem will go on display in Eltham and will be published on the local website.

To enter and find out more information visit [www.elthamse9.co.uk](http://www.elthamse9.co.uk)

## Adult learning course guide

IT'S never too late to learn. And the spring edition of the Greenwich Learns brochure lists a huge range of education and training opportunities. You can find courses on everything from IT to languages and there are courses tailored to help those with dyslexia. Download the 2013 Greenwich Learns course guide at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/adultlearns](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/adultlearns).

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# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 324

## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed. Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to: For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time. For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application online at

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

1

### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

2

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

3

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4

### Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website  
[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

### 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :  
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**The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 6 February 2013 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 3 February 2013.**

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

**Only priority applicants can apply for Bands A&B**

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Ref Number: 173103

**Bexley Rd SE9**

2 Bed Grnd Flr Mais  
Rad C/H

**£95.84pw** Bands A&B

Ref Number: 173926

**Sibthorpe Rd SE12**

3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H

**£115.39pw** Bands A&B

Ref Number: 173970

**Polthorne Gr SE18**

2 Bed 2nd Flr Mais  
Unlifted Rad C/H

**£90.34pw** Bands A&B

Ref Number: 174027

**Shooters Hill Rd SE3**

2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn

**£100.35pw** Bands A&B

Ref Number: 174029

**The Mound SE9**

2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn

**£98.66pw** Bands A&B

**Important Notice**

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Ref Number: 174052

**Elmley St SE18**

2 Bed 2nd Flr Mais  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
Entry phone

**£91.08pw** Bands A&B

Ref Number: 174056

**Brookhill Cl SE18**

2 Bed Basement Flat  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
No pets

**£120.98pw** Bands A&B

Ref Number: 174060

**Brookhill Cl SE18**

1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
No pets

**£106.76pw** Bands A&B

Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174078

**Brookhill Cl SE18**

1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No pets

**£106.76pw** Bands A&B

L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 174082

**Ogilby St SE18**

1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
No pets

**£114.44pw** Bands A&B

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Ref Number: 174083

**Gallosson Rd SE18**

3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H

**£129.14pw** Bands A&B

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**Bands A&B Priority Applicants**

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

**Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

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**Anyone on the housing list can apply for these**



Ref Number: 65961

**Chadwick Ct**

**Titmuss Av SE28**

1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat

Lifted Rad C/H

Entry phn No pets

**£127.38pw** Band C



Ref Number: 173861

**Kingsman St SE18**

1 Bed 4th Flr Flat

Lifted Rad C/H

Entry phn No Pkg

**£81.33pw** Band C



Ref Number: 173966

**Ormsby Point**

**Vincent Rd SE18**

2 Bed 8th Flr Flat

Lifted Combi Boiler & 1 Rad Entry phone

**£85.22pw** Bands A&B

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 174047

**Halsbrook Rd SE3**

Bedsit Grnd Flr Flat

Gas Fire Only

**£73.73pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174048

**Coldharbour Crest**

**Great Harry Dr SE9**

2 Bed 5th Flr Flat

Lifted Rad C/H Ent phn

No Pkg Min 1 chn any age

**£98.41pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174057

**Brookhill CI SE18**

2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat

Unlifted Rad C/H

Entry phn No pets

Max 2 chn any age

**£120.98pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174063

**Brookhill CI SE18**

1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat

Unlifted Rad C/H

Entry phone No pets

**£106.76pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174064

**Brookhill CI SE18**

2 Bed 1st Flr Flat

Unlifted Rad C/H

Entry phn No pets

Max 2 chn any age

**£120.98pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174077

**Brookhill Rd SE18**

3 Bed Town Hse Gdn Rad C/H

Min 2 chn 1 under 16

**£129.14pw** Band C

## Affordable Homes

Please note any Housing Association properties advertised in this way will have a higher rent charge



Ref Number: 170914

**Langdon Hse Centurian Sq SE18**

2 Bed 1st Flr Flat

Unlifted Rad C/H

No pets

**£152.39pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174032

**Footscray Rd New Eltham SE9**

2 Bed 1st Flr Flat

Unlifted Rad C/H

No pets

**£114.90pw** Bands A&B

**Next Edition 325 available on Wednesday 13 February 2013**

*property listings continue overleaf*

## Seaside and Country Scheme

This scheme offers one and two bedroom flats and bungalows on the Coast and in the countryside, in the South East and West of England.

In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on Tel: 020 8921 2941

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register. Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at [www.housingmoves.org](http://www.housingmoves.org)

## Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes).

For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on

**020 8921 2941**

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

# Important Notice

## Changes to the rents and tenancies of some advertised housing association properties.

### Affordable Housing

Currently the rent level for the properties you see advertised in Greenwich Homes is significantly lower than full market rents in private sector housing.

From now you will now be seeing some housing association properties advertised for higher rents, up to eighty percent of the market rent. These rents will also include the service charge that you will need to pay for the property. We will use the phrase Affordable Housing on the adverts to help you identify these properties.

### Please note the Council will continue to advertise all the homes it owns at the standard rent level.

You can bid for properties advertised as Affordable Housing in exactly the same way as for other advertised properties. If you are successful the housing association may want to check you have enough income to pay the higher rent, whether you are working or on benefits. If you are currently a housing association tenant the rent you pay on your present home will not be affected by this change.

### Fixed term tenancies

You will also notice that the tenancies for Affordable Housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase Fixed term tenancy will be used in the adverts to identify these properties. The tenancy details will be explained to you if you are successful when you view the property.

### Please think about these changes when bidding for an Affordable housing property and make sure you can afford the home that you choose.

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 321

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Milne House Ogilby Street SE18 5EJ	2	FLAT	62	02/08/2012	B
Pound Park Road SE7 8AE	3	HOUSE		Withdrawn	
Dutch Almshouses Fletching Road SE7 8UH	1	FLAT	52	04/02/2002	A
Plantagenet House Leda Road SE18 5QR	2	FLAT	473	21/08/2007	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5SF	3	FLAT	129	13/10/2010	B
Elderslie Road SE9 1UE	0	FLAT	50	27/03/2006	A
Brinkburn Close SE2 9EJ	2	FLAT	48	06/06/1995	A
Kingsman Street SE18 5PR	1	FLAT	664	11/07/2006	C
Cantwell House Cantwell Road SE18 3LP	2	FLAT	62	15/03/2011	B
Claymill House Raglan Road SE18 7HX	1	FLAT	480	18/06/2009	C
Nightingale Heights Nightingale Vale SE18 4HJ	1	FLAT	467	09/08/2009	C
Gorman Road SE18 5SA	1	FLAT	55	25/05/1999	A
Dursley Road SE3 8PF	0	BUNGALOW	185	16/06/2010	C
The Link SE9 3AX	2	MAISONETTE	69	30/04/2012	B
Ravens Way SE12 8HA	2	FLAT	70	09/08/2012	B

## For information or assistance

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## GreenwichHomes adverts

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# Valentine's Day jobs for 40

FORTY people will be starting a new job when a branch of TK Maxx opens in Powis Street, Woolwich, on St Valentine's Day, Thursday February 14.

They have been recruited locally via job centres, including the royal borough's employment and training service, GLLaB. It's GLLaB's policy to approach organisations needing new staff, and offer their services to help with recruiting.

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OPENING SOON: an artist's impression of new store

as homeware at a fraction of the normal retail price. A typical TK Maxx store stocks around 50,000 items with daily deliveries bringing in up to 10,000 new items every week. TK Maxx spokesperson

Helen Gunter said: "We are very excited to be opening up a new store and bringing Woolwich shoppers savings of up to 60 per cent on the recommended retail price on great brands and labels for all the family under one roof." The first 500 shoppers through the doors when they open at 9am will be given a £10 gift card to spend in store. TK Maxx launched in the UK in 1994 and now has more than 230 stores across the UK and Ireland.

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Notice is hereby given that applications have been made to the Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-

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Any person who wishes to comment on these applications should do so in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 29/01/2013

Name: Mrs Hems - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: Royal Borough of Greenwich 12/2774/F

Development: Demolition of replacement roof covering

Drawing Numbers: RG/Roof/1, RG/Roof/2, Site Location Plan and Design & Access Statement

Library: Eltham Library, 2 Archery Road SE9 1HA

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK

Applicant: Mrs Zhelezko 12/3022/F

Development: Demolition of existing garage/barn and construction of a part 1/part 2-storey side extension.

Drawing Numbers: A100, A101, A102 Rev.2, A103 Rev.2, A104 Rev.2, A105 Rev.2 and Design & Access Statement

Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA

Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Applicant: Royal Borough Greenwich 12/3027/F

Development: Installation of replacement upvc windows and roof covering.

Drawing Numbers: MPU/5511/1, 2, 3, Allocated Ref: 001, 002, 003, 004, Design & Access Statement, Detailed Photocheck and Site Plan

Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA

Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Applicant: Royal Borough Greenwich 12/3128/F

Development: Demolition of replacement upvc windows and roof covering.

Drawing Numbers: MPU/5531/1, 2, 3, MPN/5531/E, 5531/N, 5531/S, 5531/W (photn), Sheet 1, 2, 3, 4, Design & Access Statement and Site Plan

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Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Applicant: Mr Gibbs 12/3092/F

Development: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a 2-bed dwelling (Residential).

Drawing Numbers: D.01 Rev C, D.02 Rev C, Design & Access Statement, Structural Engineering Assessment and Site Plan

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH

Applicant: Mr Lawall Housing for Women 12/3118/F

Development: Installation of replacement double glazed timber windows and doors.

Drawing Numbers: 151408, 07, 08, 09, Site Plan and Letter dated 19 December 2012.

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH PARK

Applicant: Mr Peter Luce 13/0027/F

Development: Construction of a single storey rear infill extension and installation of replacement rear timber sash windows.

Drawing Numbers: 001, 002, 003 and Design & Access Statement

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN

Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRAIL

Applicant: Mr Peter Luce 13/0027/F

Development: Construction of a single storey rear infill extension and installation of replacement rear timber sash windows.

Drawing Numbers: 001, 002, 003 and Design & Access Statement

Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN

Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRAIL

Applicant: Mrs Zhelezko 12/3023/C

Development: Demolition of existing garage/barn and construction of a part 1/part 2-storey side extension.

Drawing Numbers: A100, A101, A102 Rev.2, A103 Rev.2, A104 Rev.2, A105 Rev.2 and Design & Access Statement

Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2HA

Conservation Area: ELTHAM PALACE

Applicant: Mr Gibbs 13/0025/C

Development: Demolition of existing garage and construction of a 2-bed dwelling (Residential).

Drawing Numbers: D.01 Rev C, D.02 Rev C, Design & Access Statement, Structural Engineering Assessment and Site Plan

Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT

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Date: 29-Jan-2013  
Name: Mrs Hems - Assistant Director



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## Gemma British champ at last

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coach at Metro, Gemma's club at Thomas Tallis school in Kidbrooke.

"Gemma won an Olympic medal but, for various reasons, had never been British champion," said Mick. "This time she arrived as an Olympic medallist, short of fitness with everyone wanting to beat her - and she won it! Ironically, I couldn't get there because of the weather. I followed her progress on Facebook, Twitter, text and the rest of it."

Gemma, who got engaged to fellow Olympic judoka Euan Burton on New Year's Eve, won all her fights in the 78kg pool, including what was effectively a gold medal match against Caroline Kinnane.

Her sights now are set on the world championships in Rio in August, starting with a training camp in Paris in the second week in February prior to the German Open the following week.

All the while Mick Murphy is receiving letters from all over the world, sending best wishes and asking for autographs. "I'm retired now but have never been busier at Metro," said Mick. "The life of this club changed for ever at a quarter past three on August the second, 2012."

● FIND out more about Metro Judo Club by emailing [mick1949@btinternet.com](mailto:mick1949@btinternet.com)



READY FOR BATTLE: JJ Webb's ranking is up to No. 5 in Europe after winning two bronze medals at the Camden International

## JJ up to No.5 in Europe

TWO bronze medals at the Camden International event helped Jonathan JJ Webb up to No. 5 in Europe in the cadet sabre fencing rankings.

JJ, from New Eltham, took the bronze medal in the individual event and the following day helped team GB to the bronze in the team event. He dropped only five points out of 30 in the individual event, beating three

top French cadets before losing 15-10 to a Spanish fencer in the semi-final.

JJ said: "I fenced really well up to the semi-final. I was a bit disappointed not to make the final and I will analyse the fight with my coach, Ian Williams.

"I've been told fifth ranking has never been achieved by a British sabre cadet before, so that is good."

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# Silver and gold!

Gemma and Zoe back in the medals

by Peter Cordwell

IT was gold and silver for Olympic stars Gemma Gibbons and Zoe Smith.

Twenty-six-year-old Gemma from Charlton was crowned British judo champion for the first time in Sheffield on Sunday, January 20, while Abbey Wood weightlifter Zoe Smith took silver at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival.

Zoe - who broke the British clean and jerk record at the London Olympics - came second in the 63kg category at the event in Sydney which ran from January 16 to 20.

Gemma - who was seen to look up and say "I love you, Mum" after winning her semi-final at the Olympics last August - had only been in training for a month after surgery on the thumb she broke in three places at the Games. "I've never been senior British champion before, so it was great to come away with that title," she said. "I wasn't really sharp today, but it's what I expected coming back after surgery and after the Olympic Games."

One person who saw all her previous defeats but missed this victory was Mick Murphy, head

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THOSE MAGICAL MOMENTS: an emotional Gemma Gibbons makes the judo final at the London 2012 Olympics, and inset, Zoe at the Games breaking the British record

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